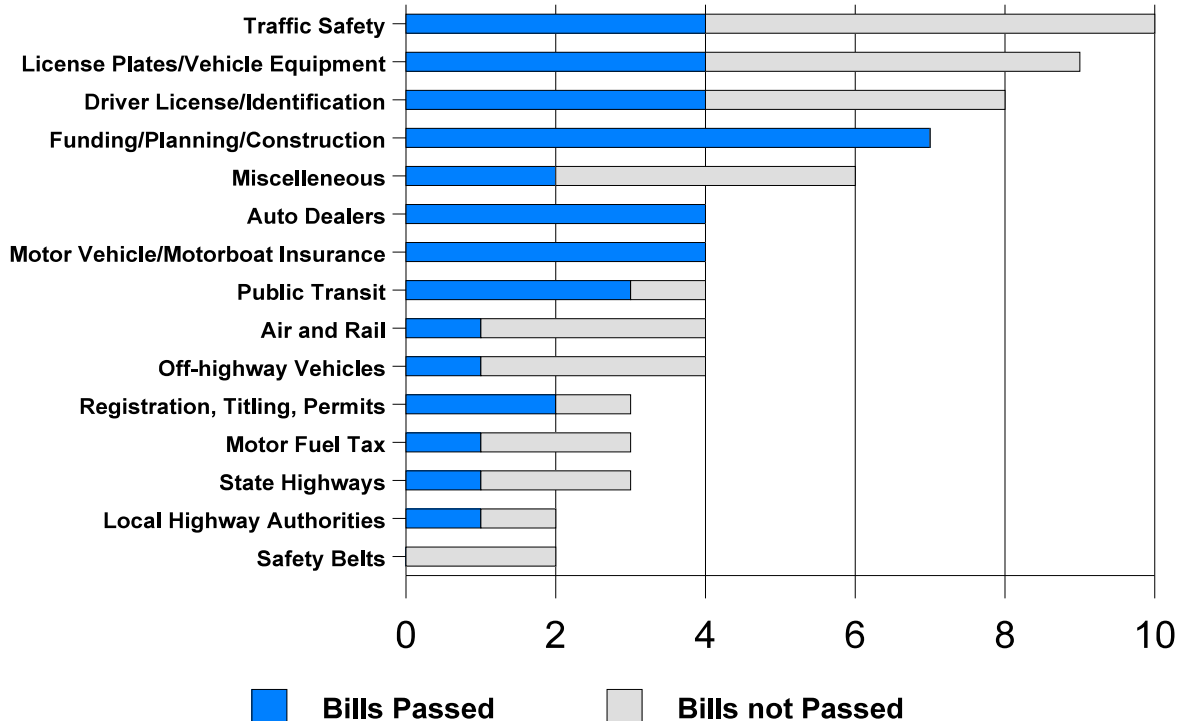


2007 Session Summary for the Transportation Interim Committee

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73 Transportation Bills



Transportation-related Bills

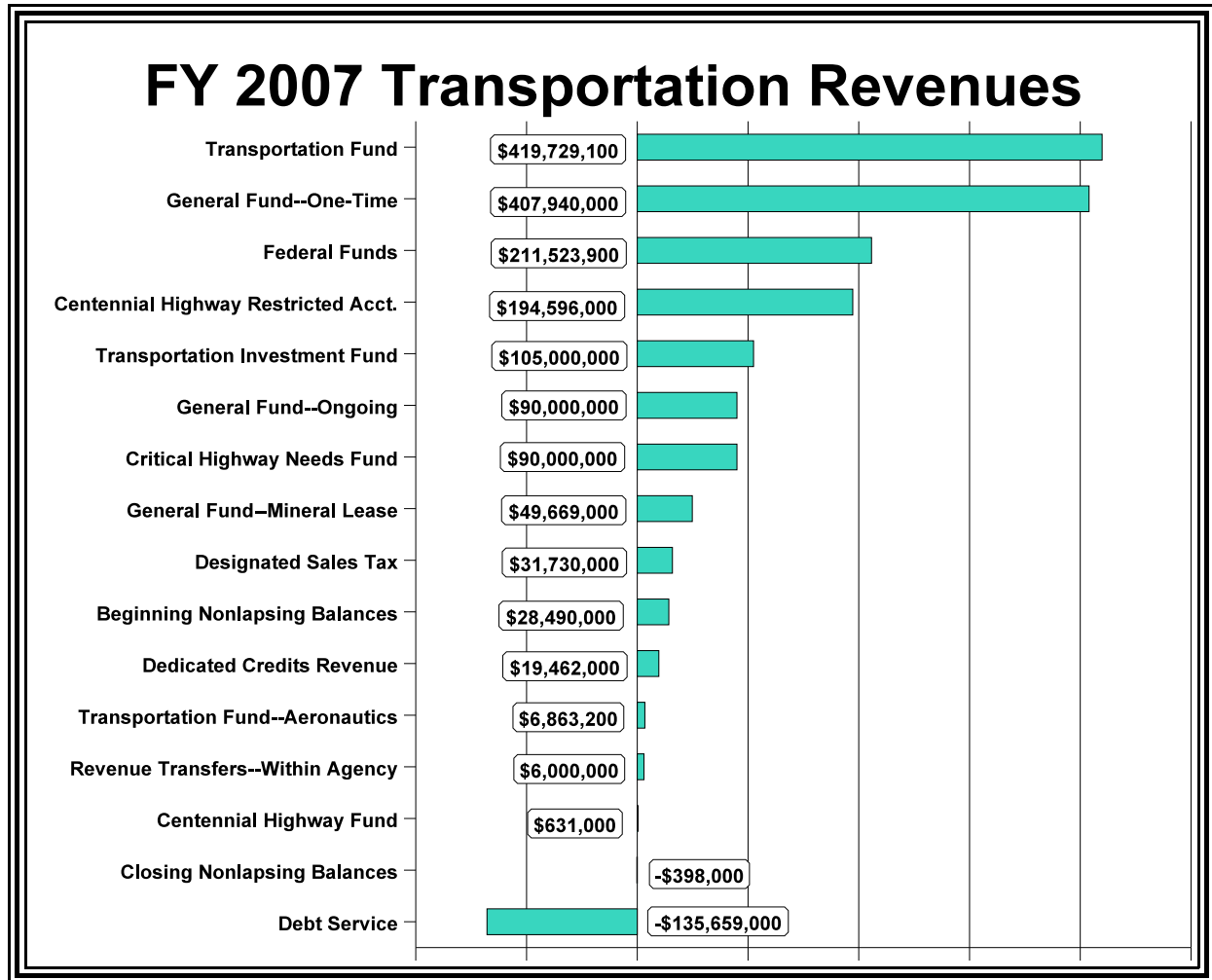
During the 2007 Annual General Session, the Legislature numbered 73 transportation-related bills and resolutions and passed 42% (31) of them, a significant drop from the 56% (38 of 68) passed in 2006. In comparison, the Legislature passed 58% of bills and resolutions in all areas (423 of 733), compared with 50% (395 of 791) in 2006.

Of the 73 transportation-related bills, 34 of them dealt with four areas: traffic safety (other than safety belts),

license plates and vehicle equipment, driver licenses and identification, and transportation funding, planning, and construction. These are the same top subject areas from 2006.

Transportation Funding--Revenues

The Legislature appropriated just over \$1.5 billion (\$1,525,577,200) to transportation during the 2007 Annual General Session. Monies were appropriated from various funding sources, the largest of which was the



Transportation Fund at \$420 million, followed closely by \$408 million one-time General Fund monies. Other significant resources include \$212 million of Federal Funds, \$195 million from the Centennial Highway Fund Restricted Account, and \$105 million from the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005.

The largest single increase in funding was from one-time General Fund revenues, which increased from \$56,640,000 in

FY2007 to \$407,940,000 in FY2008, a 620% increase!

The two largest decreases in funding were from the Centennial Highway Fund Restricted Account (from \$281,607,700 in FY2007 to \$194,596,000 in FY2008) and one-time Transportation Fund revenues (from \$73,000,000 in FY2007 to \$0 in FY2008).

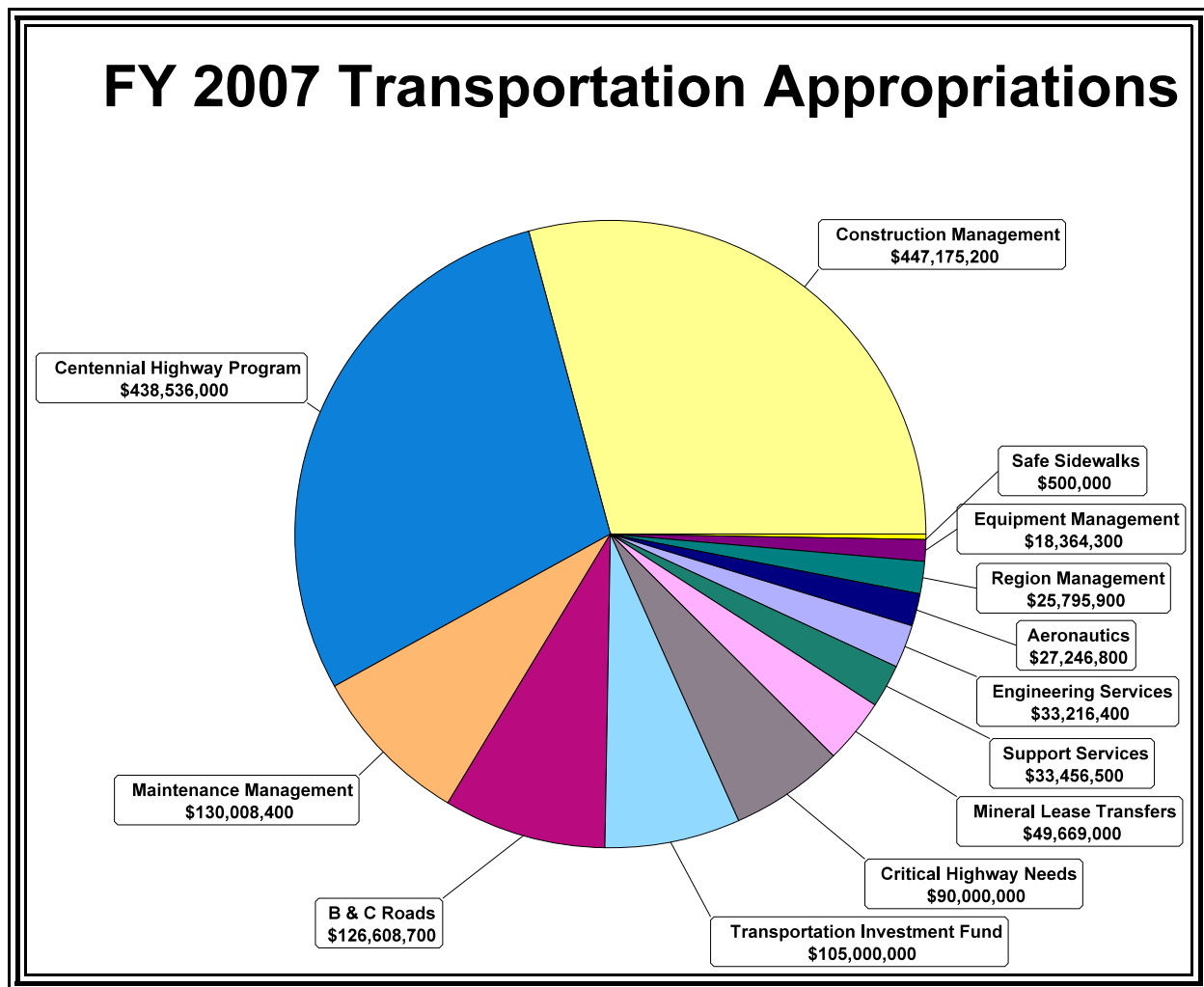
Transportation Funding--Appropriations

Transportation funding was appropriated through 13 line items in four different budget bills, with 58% of the revenues appropriated to just two programs: construction management (\$447 million) and the Centennial Highway Program (\$439 million). Of the remaining funds, 22% funded two programs, Band C roads (\$120 million) and maintenance (\$118 million). The remaining 15% funded seven line items: mineral lease transfers (\$39 million), engineering services (\$29 million), support services (\$29 million), aeronautics (\$27 million), region management (\$25 million), equipment management (\$17 million), and safe

sidewalk construction (\$500k).

Transportation Funding--Bonding

In addition to the funding provided for transportation through the four budget bills, the Legislature authorized bonding for transportation projects through two bills: HB 314 authorizes \$1 billion for critical highway projects and HB 158 authorizes \$100 million for acquiring rights-of-way and constructing a highway project within the Mountain View Corridor.



Studies and Reports Created

The Legislature created five new transportation studies and reports that must be completed by the Transportation Interim Committee or the Executive Appropriations Committee.

Critical Highway Needs Fund Priority List Review (HB 314) - House Bill 314 requires UDOT and the Transportation Commission to appear before the Executive Appropriations Committee, prior to issuing any of the bonds authorized under HB 314, to present the commission's current priority list of projects and the amount of bond proceeds that the department needs to provide funding for the projects. The Executive Appropriations Committee will review the list and comment on it to UDOT and the Commission.

East-West Corridor (HB 108) - House Bill 108 requires UDOT to study the need for selected east-west transportation system improvements in counties of the first and second class and report study progress prior to November 30, 2007 and study findings prior to September 30, 2008 to the Executive Appropriations and Transportation Interim Committees.

Specific State Highway System Changes Review (SB 20) - Senate Bill 20 requires UDOT to consider the two state highways (SR-186, excluding the Fourth South and Foothill Boulevard portions; and SR-282) for transfer from the state highway system in accordance with Section 72-4-102 and report to the Transportation interim Committee prior to November 1, 2007.

Study of New Highway in Utah County - Senate Bill 20 requires UDOT to study the need for a new state highway on the west side of Interstate 15 in Utah County between Main Street in American Fork and University Parkway in Orem and report its findings to the Transportation Interim Committee prior to November 1, 2007.

Study of Interstate 15 Reconstruction in Utah County - House Bill 314 requires UDOT to develop a finance plan and scope of work for the construction of Interstate 15 in Utah County that uses positive cash flow available in the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 that is anticipated to begin in fiscal year 2009. UDOT must report the finance plan and scope of work required to the Executive Appropriations Committee of the Legislature prior to November 30, 2007.